

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Reference is made to commonly assigned, ~~co-pending~~ U.S. Patent ~~Numbers~~Applications:

Serial Number 6,431,701 by Gallo et al., ~~(Docket 83172)~~ filed of even date herewith issued August 13, 2002, entitled "Ink Jet Printing Method";

Serial Number 6,641,875 by Sadasivan et al., ~~(Docket 82378)~~ filed of even date herewith issued November 04, 2003, entitled "Ink Jet Recording Element";

Serial Number 6,443,570 by Chu et al., ~~(Docket 82813)~~ filed of even date herewith issued September 03, 2002, entitled "Ink Jet Printing Method";

Serial Number 6,689,430 by Sadasivan et al., ~~(Docket 82379)~~ filed of even date herewith issued February 10, 2004, entitled "Ink Jet Recording Element";

Serial Number 6,447,110 by Chu et al., ~~(Docket 82814)~~ filed of even date herewith issued September 10, 2002, entitled "Ink Jet Printing Method";

Serial Number 6,632,490 by Sadasivan et al., ~~(Docket 83323)~~ filed of even date herewith issued October 14, 2003, entitled "Ink Jet Recording Element";

Serial Number 6,692,123 by Gallo et al., ~~(Docket 83322)~~ filed of even date herewith issued February 17, 2004, entitled "Ink Jet Printing Method";

Serial Number 6,645,582, by Sadasivan et al., ~~(Docket 82380)~~ filed of even date herewith issued November 11, 2003, entitled "Ink Jet Recording Element";

and

Serial Number 6,447,111 by Gallo et al., ~~(Docket 82816)~~ filed of even date herewith issued September 10, 2002, entitled "Ink Jet Printing Method". --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In a preferred embodiment, the (a) particles useful in the invention include alumina, boehmite, hydrated aluminum oxide, clay, calcium carbonate, titanium dioxide, calcined clay, aluminosilicates, silica, barium sulfate, or organic particles such as polymeric beads. Examples of organic particles useful in the invention are disclosed and claimed in ~~U.S. Patent Application Serial Numbers:~~ ~~09/458,401, filed Dec. 10, 1999; 09/608,969, filed June 30, 2000; 09/607,417, filed~~

~~June 30, 2000; 09/608,466 filed June 30, 2000; 09/607,419, filed June 30, 2000; and 9/822,731, filed March 30, 2001; U.S. Patent Numbers: 6,364,477 issued April 02, 2002; 6,492,006 issued December 10, 2002; 6,380,280 issued April 30, 2002; 6,475,602 issued November 05, 2002; 6,376,599 issued April 23, 2002; and 6,541,103 issued April 01, 2003;~~ the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference. The (a) particles may be porous or nonporous. In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the particles are inorganic oxides. In another preferred embodiment, the (a) particles have a mean particle size of from about 0.05  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 1  $\mu\text{m}$ . --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The (b) water insoluble, cationic, polymeric particles comprising at least about 20 mole percent of a cationic mordant moiety useful in the invention can be in the form of a latex, water dispersible polymer, beads, or core/shell particles wherein the core is organic or inorganic and the shell in either case is a cationic polymer. Such particles can be products of addition or condensation polymerization, or a combination of both. They can be linear, branched, hyper-branched, grafted, random, blocked, or can have other polymer microstructures well known to those in the art. They also can be partially crosslinked. Examples of core/shell particles useful in the invention are disclosed and claimed in ~~U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/772,097, U.S. Patent No. 6,619,797, of Lawrence et al., Ink Jet Printing Method, filed January 26, 2001, issued September 16, 2003,~~ the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference. Examples of water dispersible particles useful in the invention are disclosed and claimed in ~~U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/770,128, U.S. Patent No. 6,454,404, of Lawrence et al., Ink Jet Printing Method, filed January 26, 2001, issued September 24, 2002, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/770,127, U.S. Patent No. 6,503,608, of Lawrence et al., Ink Jet Printing Method, filed January 26, 2001, issued January 07, 2003;~~ the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference. In a preferred embodiment, the water insoluble, cationic, polymeric particles comprise at least about 50 mole percent of a cationic mordant moiety. --